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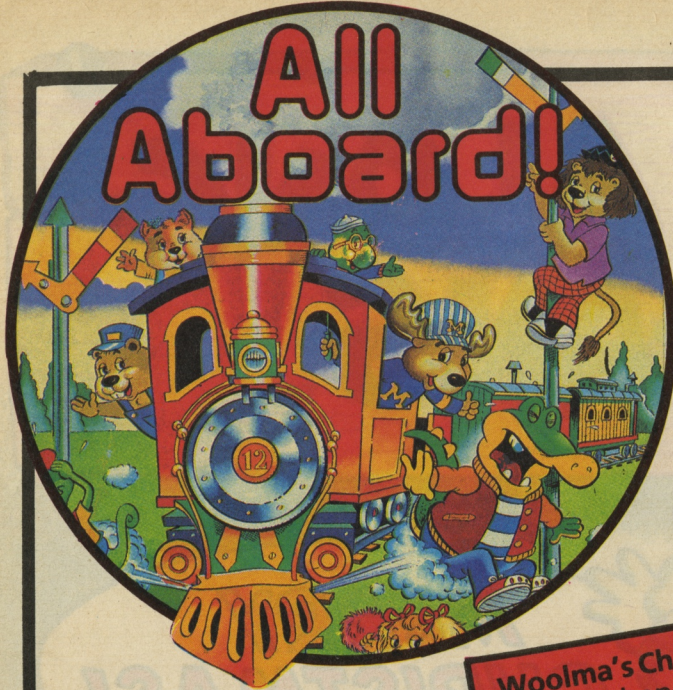
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GET ALONG GANG™

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

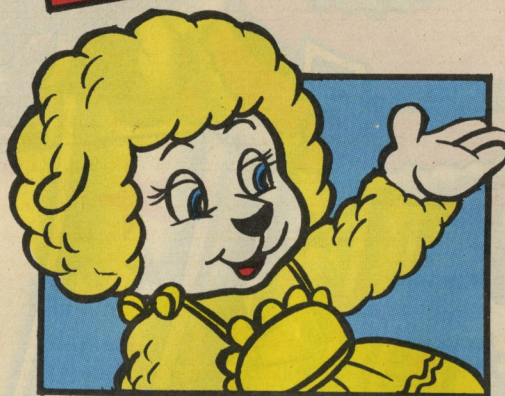




HI GANG!

Happy Christmas! I do hope you're having a lovely Christmas! Has Santa brought you lots of great pressies? You know presents aren't the most important part of Christmas – it's also important to spread good cheer and help to make other people feel a bit brighter! Do you know anyone who's alone this Christmas? If so, why don't you pop in and wish them a Merry Christmas!

Woolma's Christmas tip:
Why not hang a nice, big piece of mistletoe up by your front door? Then you'll be able to give all your friends a special Christmas kiss when they come in!



Catchum's Christmas tip: A piece of holly on everyone's chair will make things go with a swing!

NEXT WEEK: Happy New Year!

Christmas crackers are fun aren't they? Have you ever tried making your own? It's very easy! All you'll need is a few empty loo rolls, some coloured paper, some little toys or sweets and some glitter. Take an empty loo roll, pop a sweet or toy inside it and roll a piece of coloured paper around it. Twist the paper round tightly at each end of the loo roll. Decorate your cracker with glitter.

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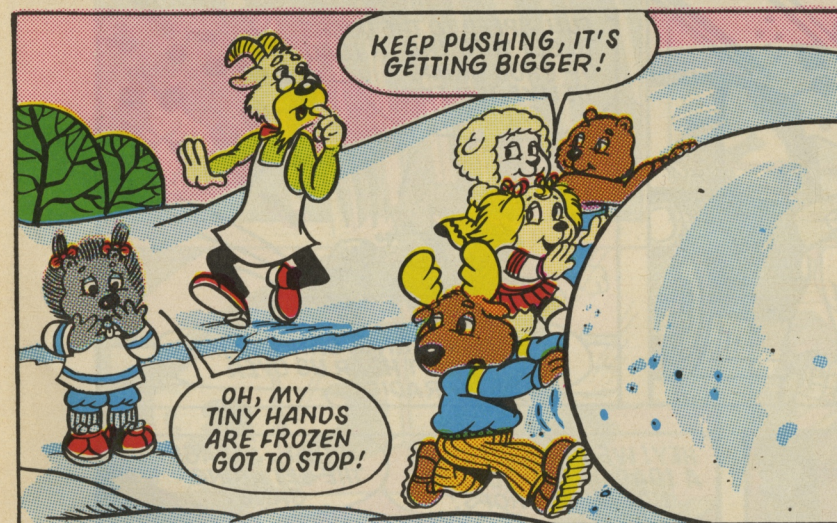
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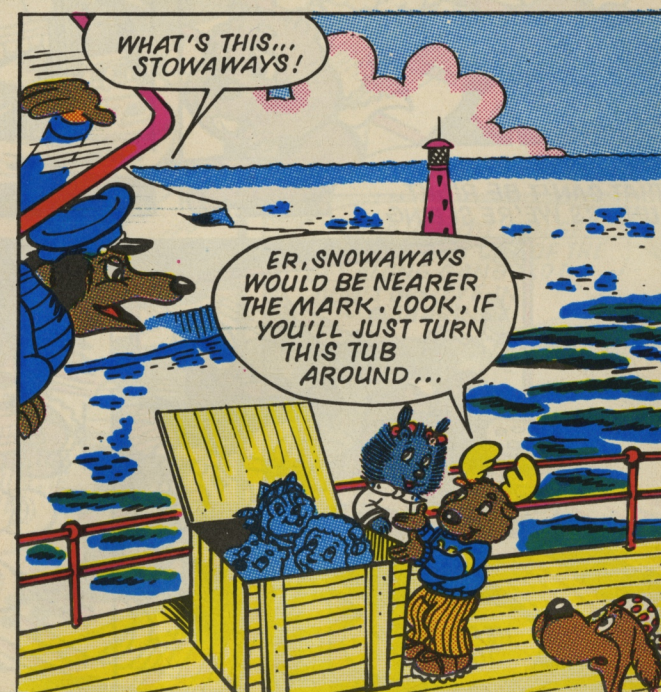
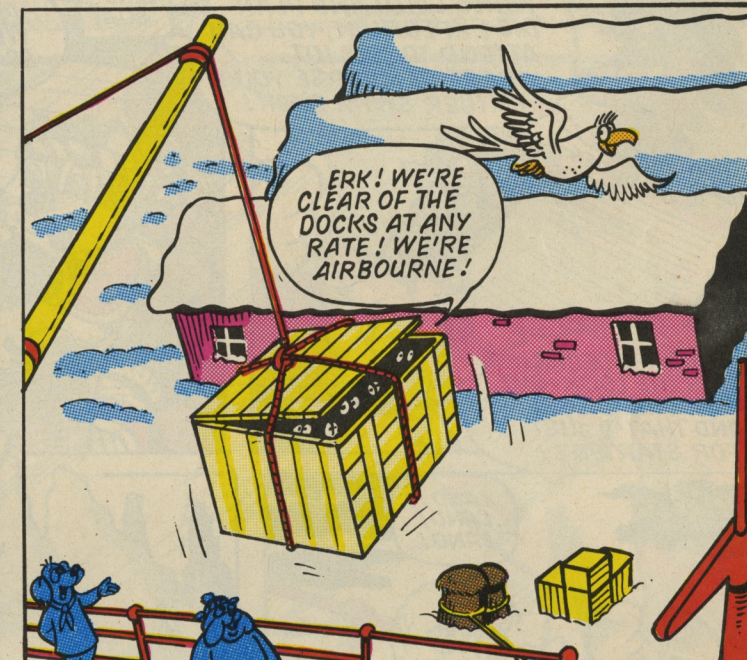
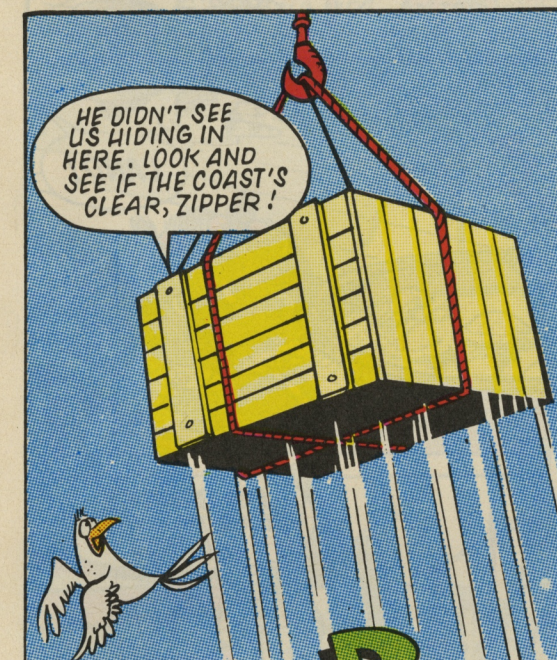
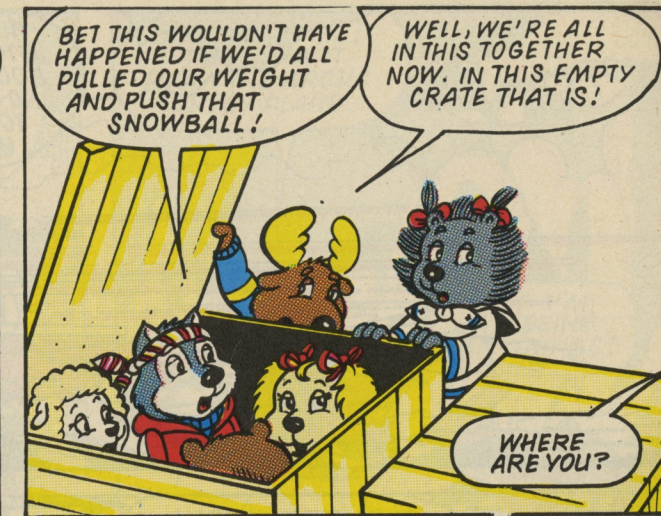
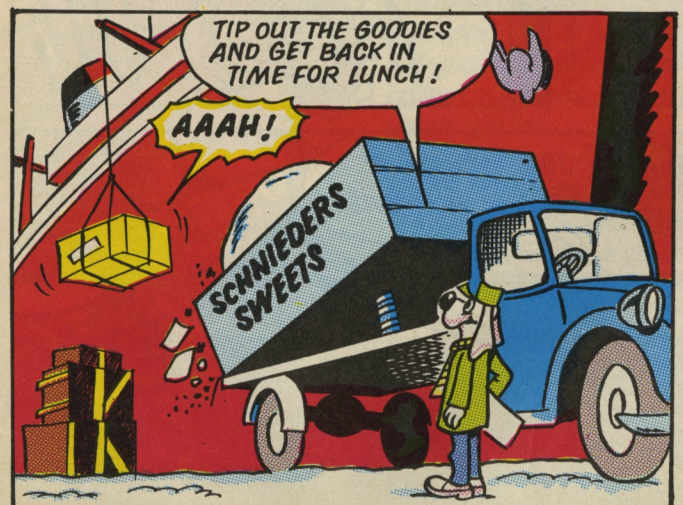
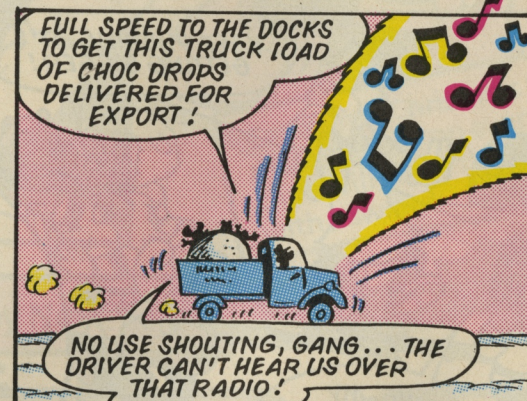
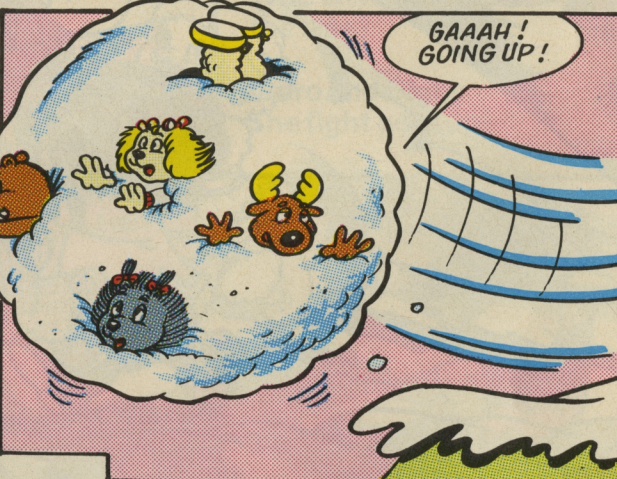
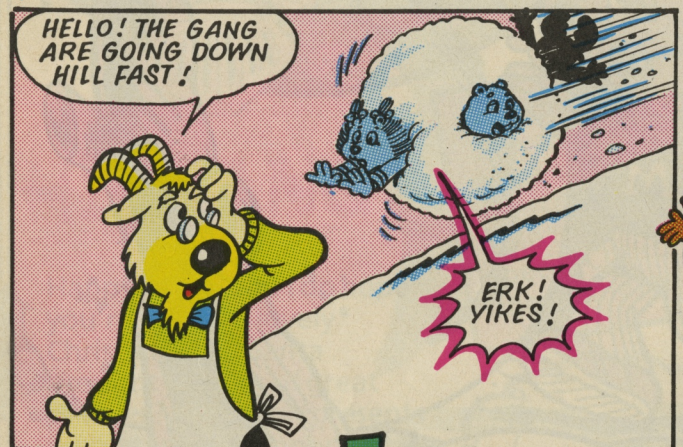
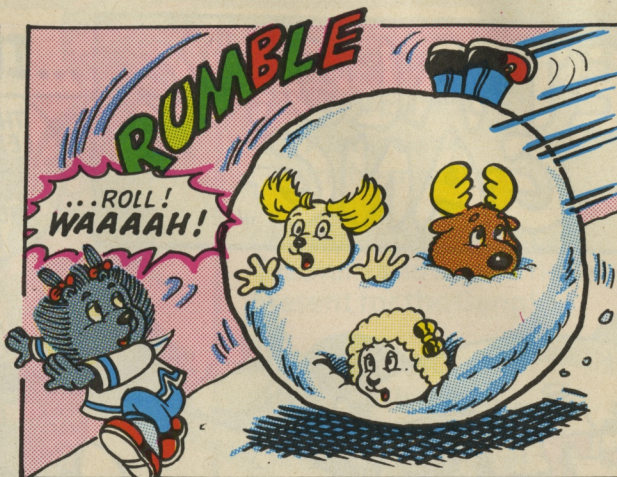
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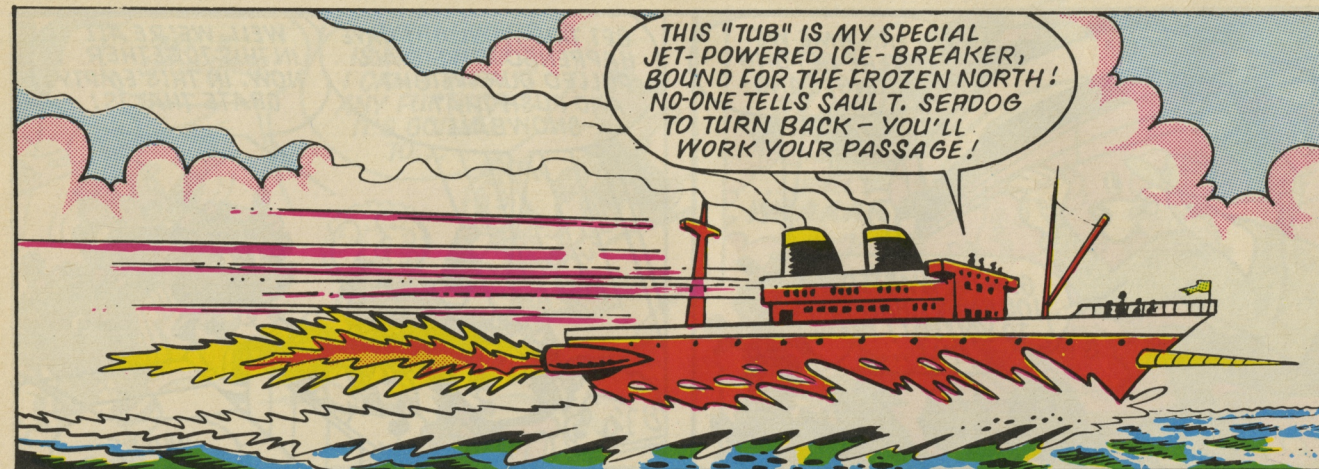
...IN WINTER WONDERLAND!

THE FUN WAY TO LEND HELPING HANDS, GANG! THIS WAY WE CLEAR THE ROAD – AND BUILD UP THE BIGGEST EVER-SNOWBALL!

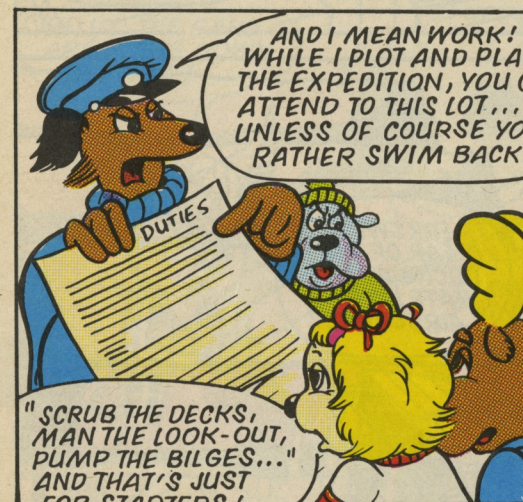


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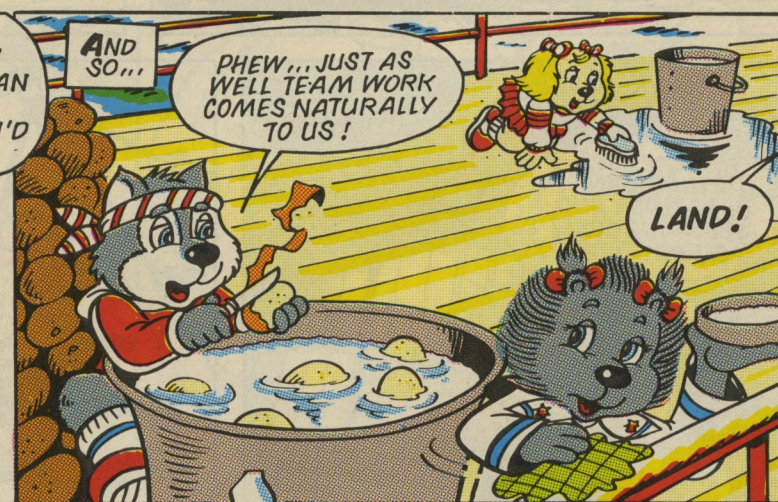


THIS "TUB" IS MY SPECIAL
JET-POWERED ICE-BREAKER,
BOUND FOR THE FROZEN NORTH!
NO-ONE TELLS SAUL T. SEEDOG
TO TURN BACK - YOU'LL
WORK YOUR PASSAGE!



AND I MEAN WORK!
WHILE I PLOT AND PLAN
THE EXPEDITION, YOU CAN
ATTEND TO THIS LOT...
UNLESS OF COURSE YOU'D
RATHER SWIM BACK!

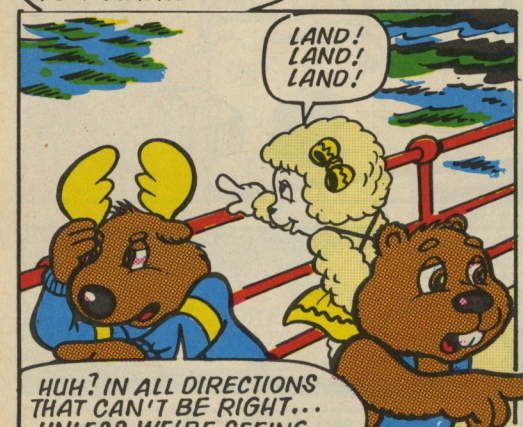
"SCRUB THE DECKS,
MAN THE LOOK-OUT,
PUMP THE BILGES..."
AND THAT'S JUST
FOR STARTERS!



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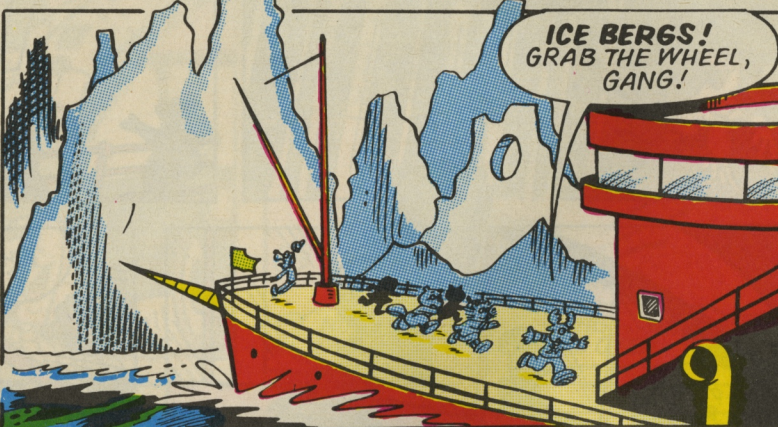
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WELL TEAM WORK
COMES NATURALLY
TO US!

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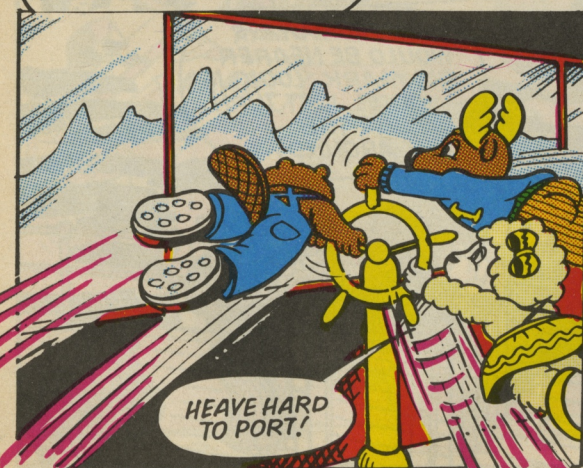


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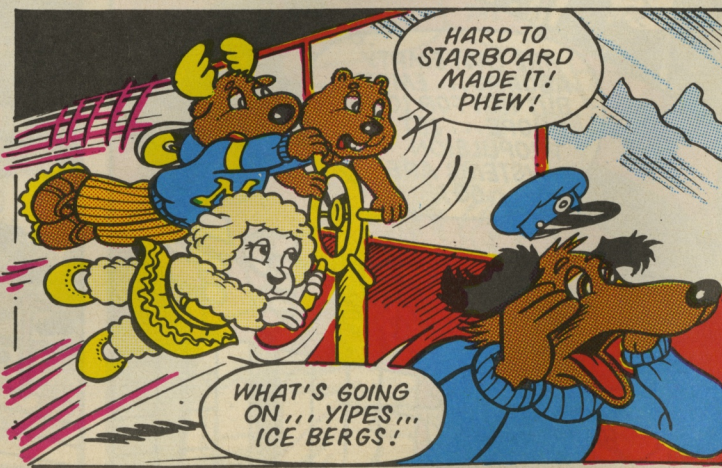
HUH? IN ALL DIRECTIONS
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT...
UNLESS WE'RE SEEING...



ICE BERGS!
GRAB THE WHEEL,
GANG!



HEAVE HARD
TO PORT!



HARD TO
STARBOARD
MADE IT!
PHEW!

WHAT'S GOING
ON... YIPES...
ICE BERGS!



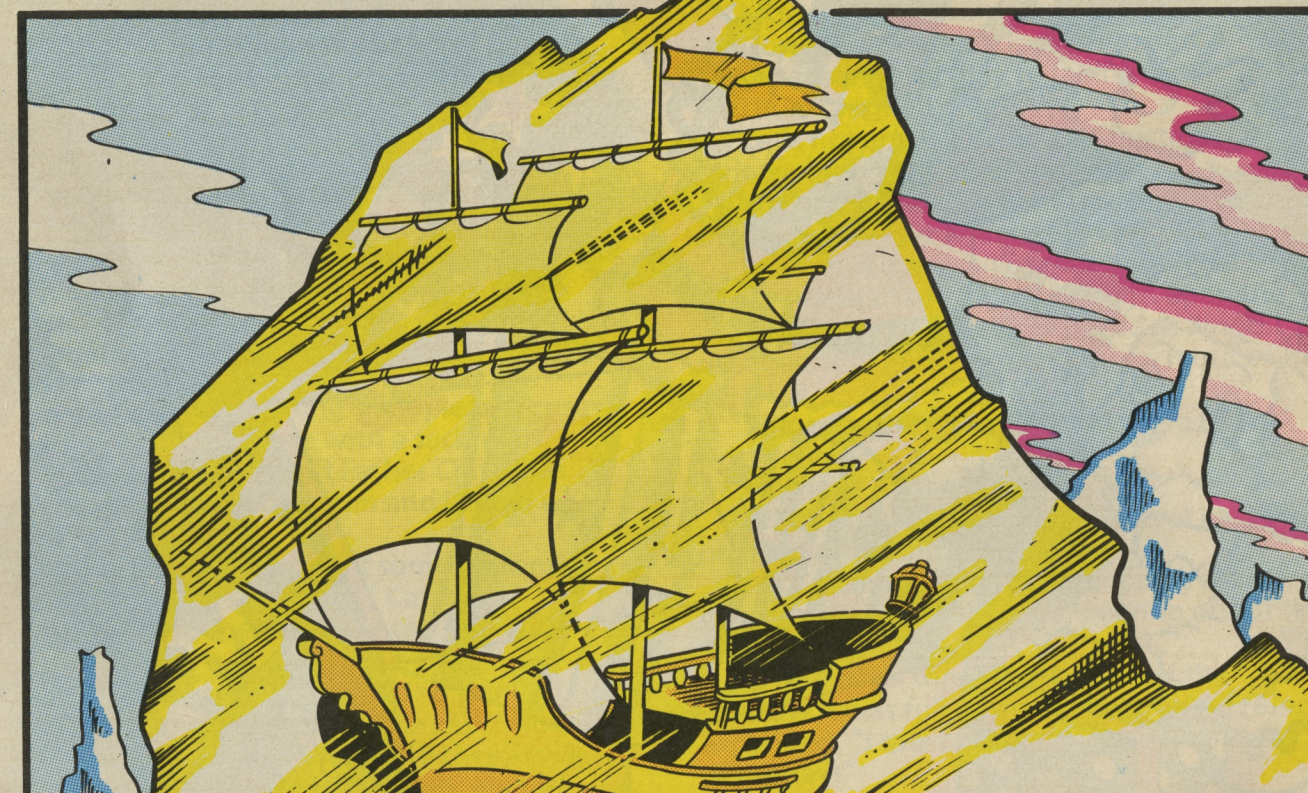
LUCKY I HAD YOU ALONG
TO SAVE THE DAY... DIDN'T
REALISE WE'D REACH
THE FROZEN NORTH SO
SOON! BUT MY JET-
PROPELLED ICE-BREAKER
CAN SHIFT!

BRR! FROZEN
NORTH, SOUTH,
EAST AND WEST
... THAT'S ME!



AND THERE IT IS!
JUST AS I SAW IT
FROM THE ARCTIC
SURVEY PLANE!

I-I'M
SEEING
THINGS!



WE ALL ARE!
A GOLDEN
GALLEON!

ENTOMBED IN A HUGE
WALL OF ICE! IMAGINE
THE WEALTH WITHIN. IF
I CAN GET AT IT, I'LL
GET RICH!



... AND YOU LOT CAN GET
LOST! I'M NOT ONE OF THE
GET ALONG GANG, SO I
DON'T BELIEVE IN
SHARING!

Christmas Day Tricks!

Catchum and Leland are busy buying presents for the Gang – what are they up to?



It was Christmas Eve and the Gang had split up to do their Christmas shopping.

"I think I'll get this book for Braker," Dotty said. "And this magician's set should please Bingo!"

"Don't know whether you should encourage him!" Flora grinned. "He's full of tricks as it is!"

"Zipper will like this stop watch," Woolma said. "He can time himself when he's doing exercise."

Meanwhile, the guys were finding it a bit more difficult to buy their presents!

"Woolma likes perfume and stuff,"

Montgomery suggested.

"Huh! Well I'm not asking for that!" Rocco retorted. "I'd feel a cissy, can't we get her something else?"

"Dunno what else she likes," Bingo said. "All she bothers about is her face and hair!"

"I'll go and get her some perfume," Rudyard offered, he had a soft spot for Woolma.

"Great!" Rocco sighed with relief. "And I'll get Flora this photo album."

"Suppose Portia'd like a doll . . ." Braker said.

"Gosh, girls! Why can't they like sensible things such as marbles and cars!" Rocco groaned. "Anyway we'd better hurry, we've got to meet them in Hoofnagels in ten minutes."

"And to think we rushed!" Zipper grumbled, looking at his watch again. "We've been waiting a quarter of an hour for them already!"

"Sorry we're late guys!" Woolma apologised when the girls finally arrived. "I wanted to have my hair done for Christmas. D'ya like it?" She patted her hair and swirled around so they could see her new, bouncy curls.

"Girls!" Rocco rolled his eyes meaningfully.

"Sluurp!" Montgomery finished his strawberry milk shake. "Let's go back and arrange the presents around the tree in the Caboose." He suggested. "Then we can open them together in the morning."

Early the next morning a couple of figures crept to the Caboose with a sackful of presents. No, it wasn't Father Christmas and his helper, it was Catchum and Leland up to no good as usual!

"He! He! He! We've bought some presents for the Gang, aren't we kind!" Catchum chortled, putting them around the tree with the others.

"This'll sure surprise 'em!" Leland grinned.

"That's the idea!" Catchum smirked. "Now let's go and hide in the bushes until they arrive then we can peep through the windows and see the fun!"

"Yipes! They're already here!" Leland gasped in horror.

"Quick! Out the back door!" Catchum closing it behind them as the Gang opened the front door!

"Merry Christmas everyone!" Woolma said, twirling around. "Look what a super new dress I had!"

"Screeech! Waail!" Bingo was trying out his new mouth organ.

"Let's open our presents now!" Portia said excitedly.

"Here's one for me!" Dotty shouted, tearing off the paper. "Eeek! A m-mouse!"

"Whaaa! Shriek!" The girls ran under the table screaming.

"Ha! Ha! what a scream!" Catchum and Leland howled with laughter.

"It's okay, it's only a plastic mouse!" Montgomery shouted, picking it up.

"I suppose you guys think that's funny!" Dotty snapped crossly.

"Did you buy that mouse?" Rocco whispered. Bingo shook his head.

"Here's a present for me . . . oh, what a lovely bar of soap . . ." Woolma dashed over to the sink to try it out. "It's so soft and smooth I bet my skin looks . . ." "Yaaah!" she screamed, looking in the mirror. "My face is black!"

"It's trick soap!" Dotty said grimly.

"Honestly, you guys spoil everything!"

"It wasn't me!" Bingo retorted.

"Nor me!" Rocco cried.

"Must have been Zipper then!"

"Don't blame me!" Zipper retorted.

"He! He! He! Now they're falling out!"

Catchum laughed gleefully.

"Let's not argue, Gang, it's Christmas Day." Montgomery reminded them.

"Pity you lot can't remember that!" Woolma snapped, finally managing to clean her face.

"Gosh, this is a small present and what a funny shaped tin!" Zipper went to open the lid. "Hey! That's mine!" he yelled as Bingo grabbed the tin off him and threw it out of the window.

"Bingo Beaver, what a mean thing to do!" Dotty cried.

"Atishoo! Atishoo!"

"What's that?" The Gang stared at each other in astonishment.

"It's Catchum and Leland sneezing their heads off!" Zipper shouted, peering out of the window.

"That's why I threw the tin out of the window it was full of sneezing powder," Bingo explained. "I saw one like it in the joke shop yesterday!"

"So they were the ones who planted those trick presents!" Dotty said. "We might have guessed. Sorry guys."

"Atchoo! Atchoo!" Catchum sneezed.

"Groan, another trick backfired!"

"Never mind, we've bought you both a present," Dotty told the sneezing croc and lizard. "Come in and open it. We should all be friendly to each other at Christmas!"

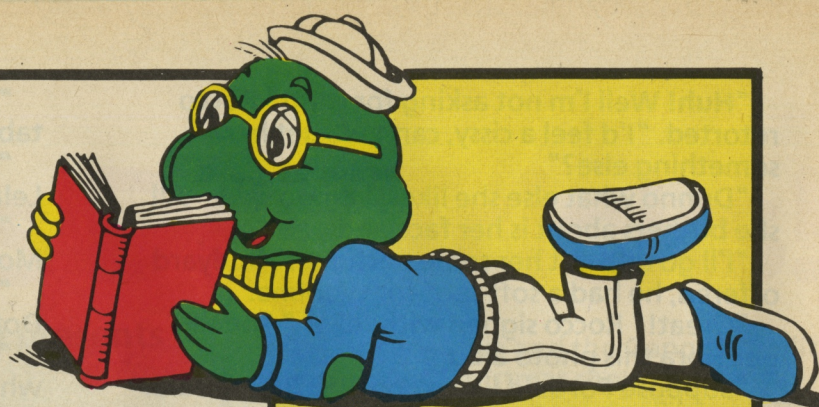
"I think we might regret buying them this!" Rocco laughed as Catchum and Leland eagerly opened their present.

"Gee! A bumper book of jokes and tricks!" They said happily. "Thanks Gang! Merry Christmas!"

"Merry Christmas!" The Gang shouted. "And Merry Christmas to our readers too!"



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Language: Icelandic.
Why Iceland's a fun place to visit:

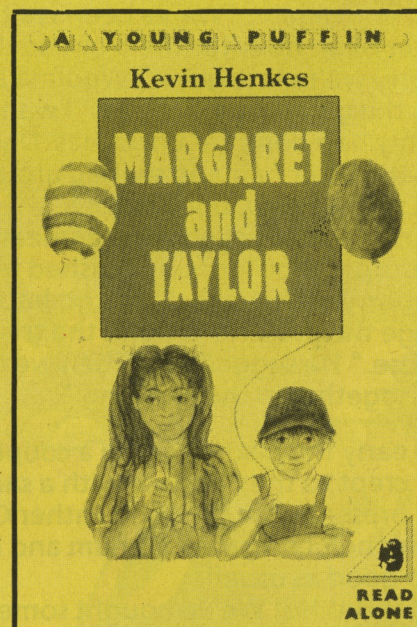
● In Iceland fire and ice exist side by side! You can see many volcanoes and geysers, as well as glaciers. Geysers are hot water springs. Ice sheets also cover a lot of the land. There is a big volcano called Venojokull which is under a glacier!

● Eskimos live in Iceland. They live in small houses made of blocks of ice called igloos. They eat fish and seal blubber! Eskimos make holes in the ice and fish through them. Zipper is dressed as an eskimo.

● Whales live in the sea off Iceland. Whales are mammals, not fish. Each species of whale has a different blow (that is the way the water spurts out of their spouts!). Killer whales have bigger brains than any other mammals. Unfortunately these beautiful animals have been hunted a great deal.



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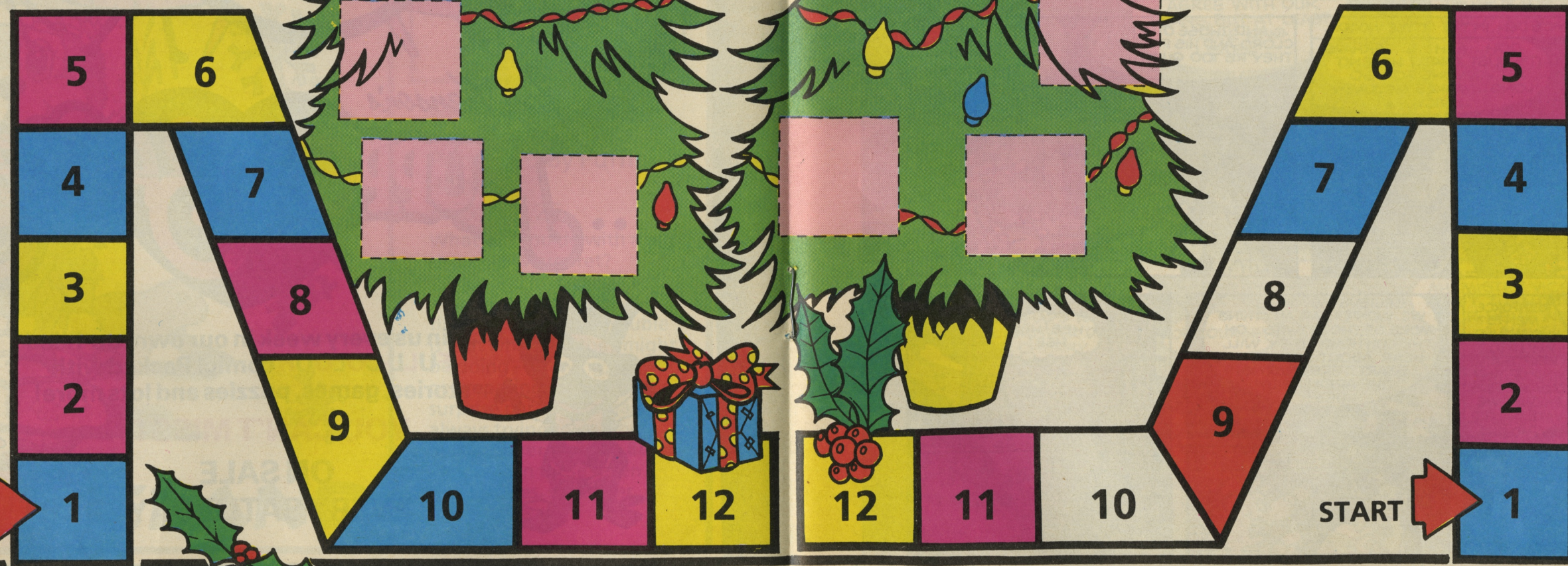
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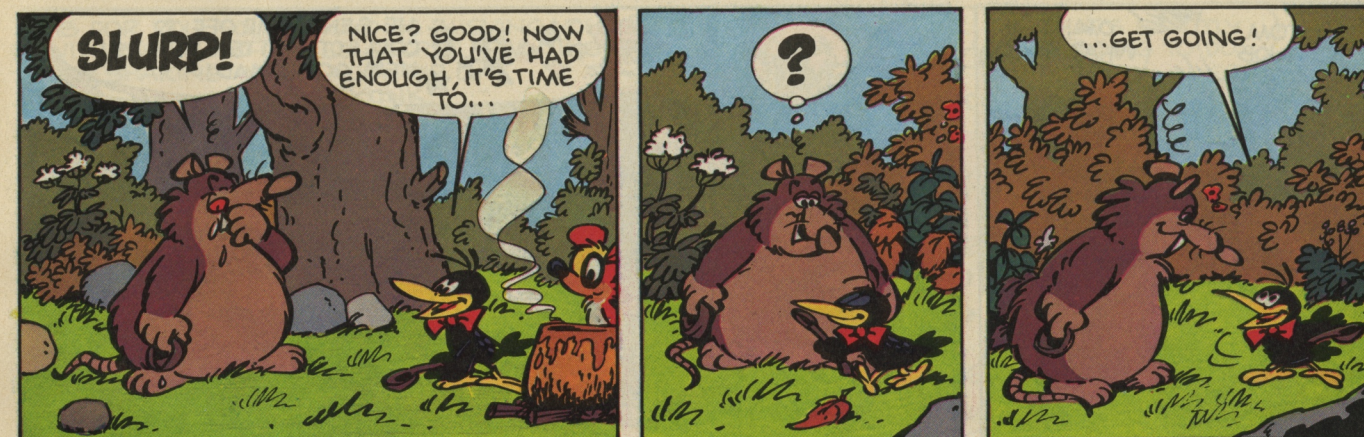
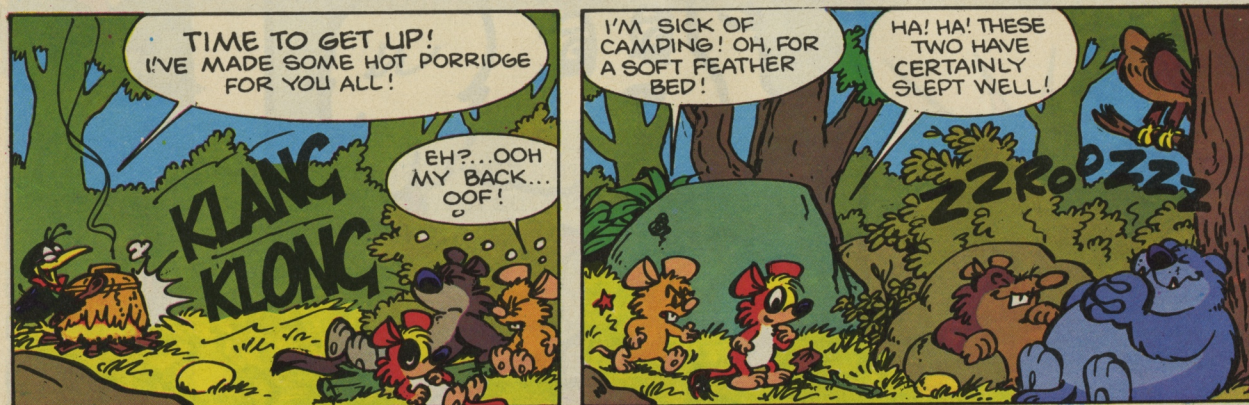
CHRISTMAS TREE RACE!

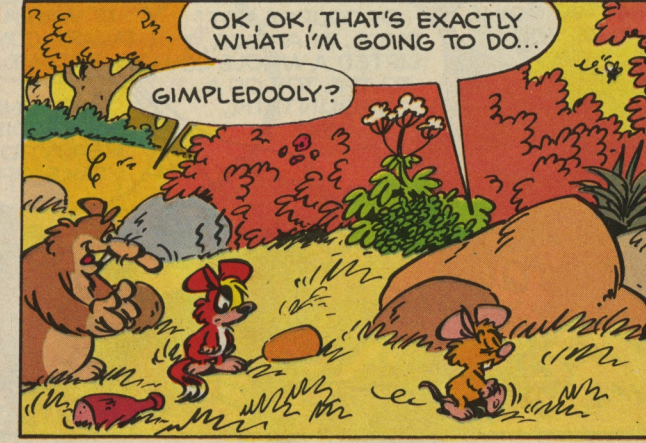
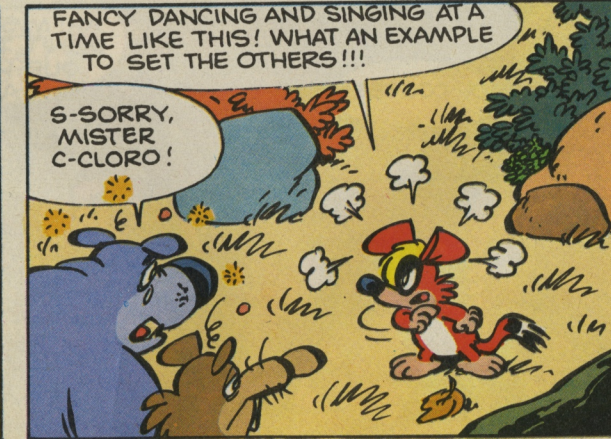
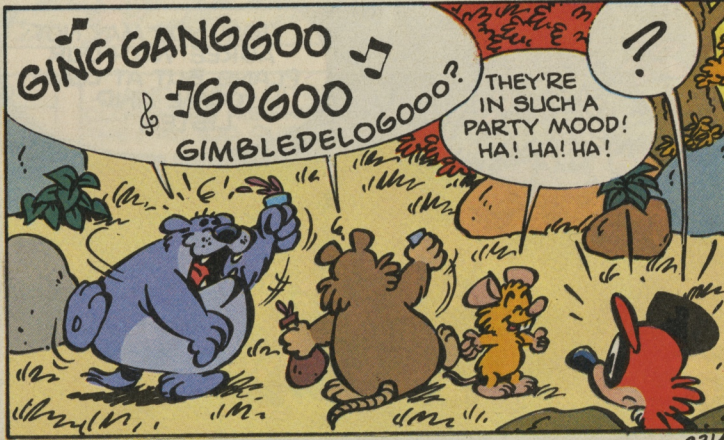
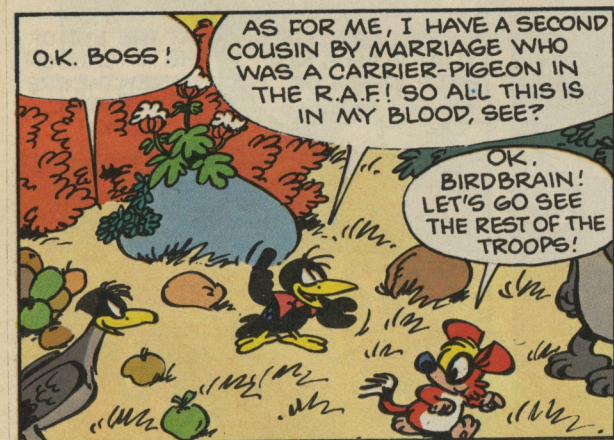
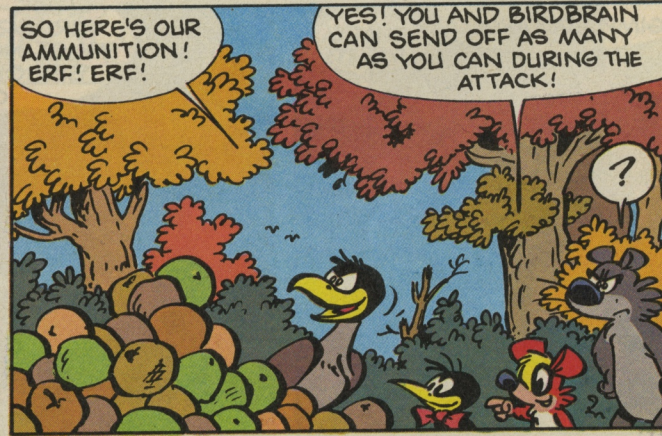
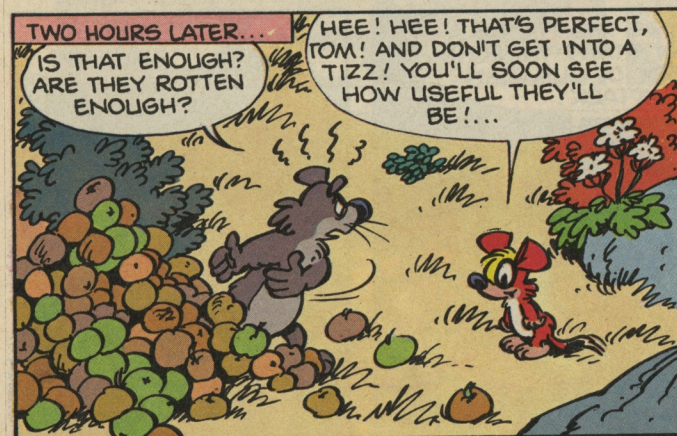
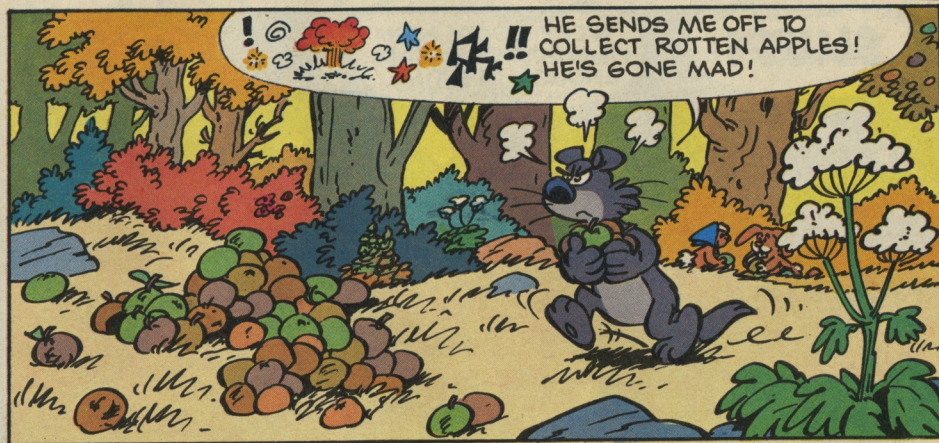
Play this crazy Christmas game with a friend, using a dice and counters. First of all, cut out the decorations on the right and divide them so that you have five each. Then take it in turns to throw the dice and move along the numbered squares. When you reach number twelve you can put one of your decorations on the tree. Then you go back to number one and start again. The first person to hang all their decorations on the tree is the winner!

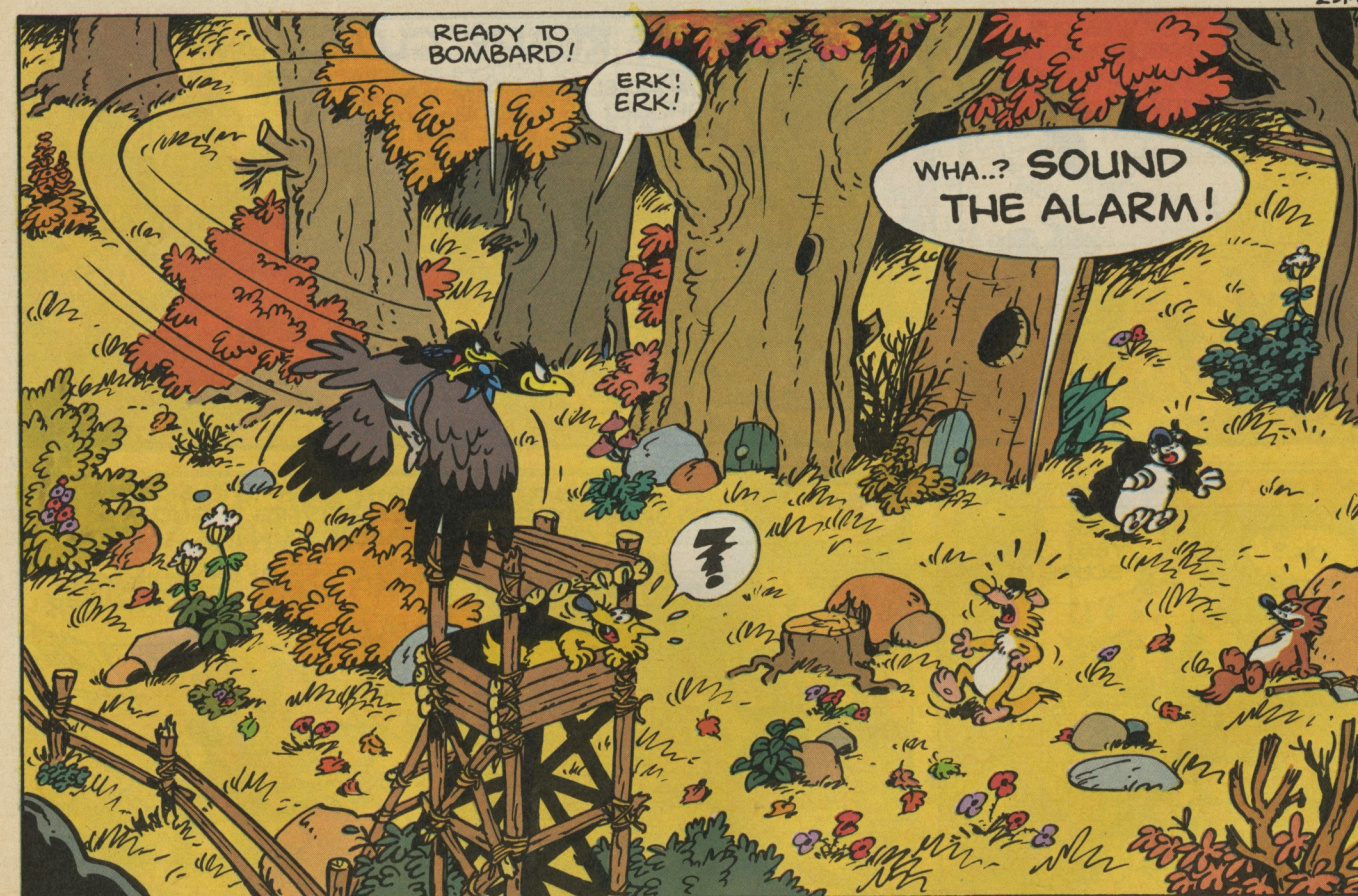
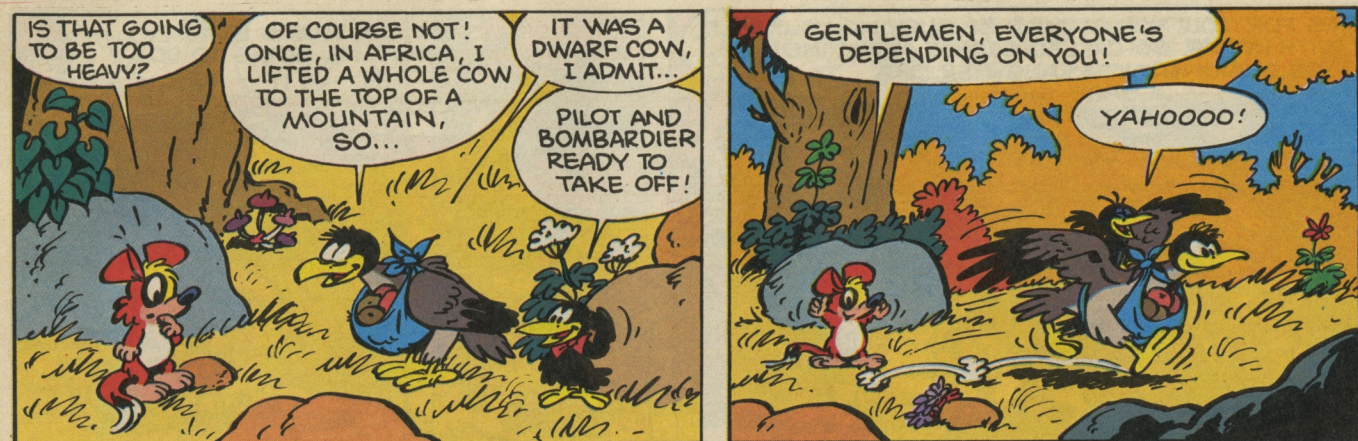


CLORO AND DIGBY

The creatures of Little Wood have been driven out of their homes by some beastly bullies.







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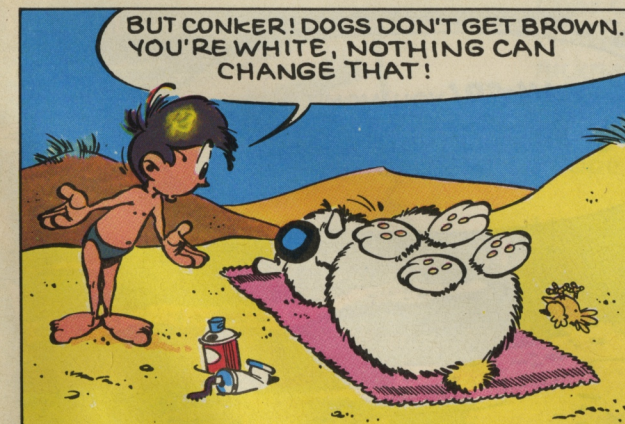
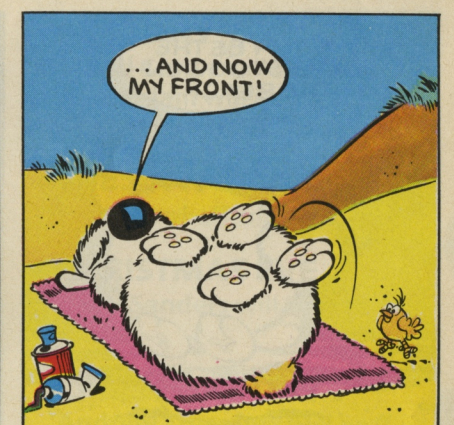
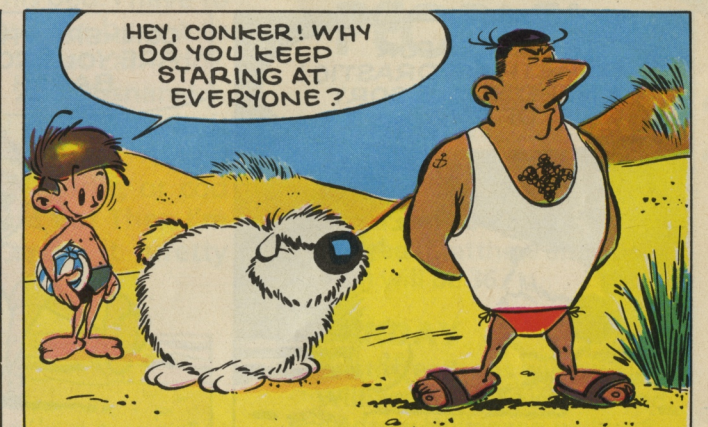
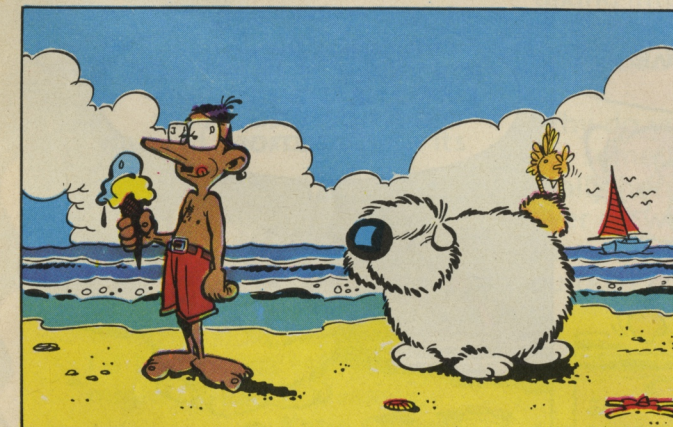
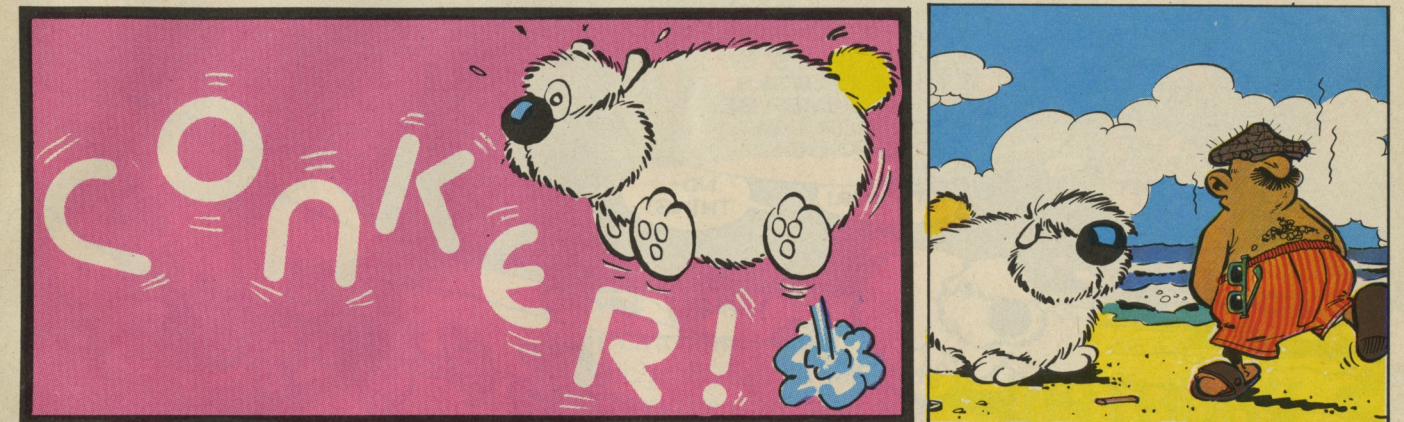
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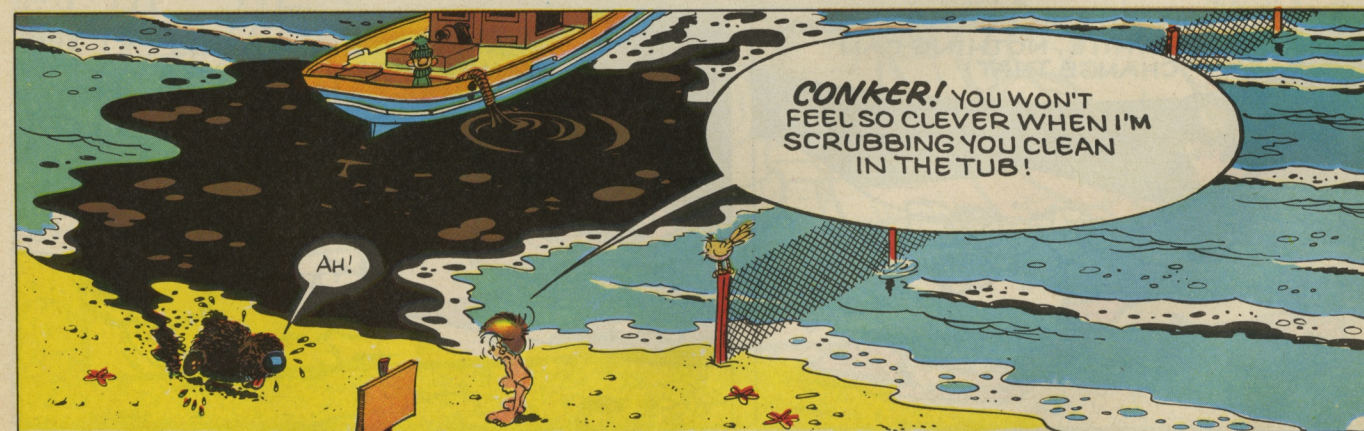
If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.



Colouring Chaos!

Yes, it's all your friends together! Why not colour them in!





LETTERS TO

GUMMYFOOT SWAMP

DIRTY DOG?

Dear Catchum,
My dog, Rufus, is always grabbing the dish-cloth and taking into his bed. I have to tempt him with a biscuit to get it back! What can I do?
Zoe Posnansky.

Why do you cover the cloth in something that tastes really horrid? Garlic, or cod liver oil would do! Then I'm sure he'll drop it pretty quickly!

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Abby Boles will be 5, Sam Gavin Hyde will be 8, Matthew Ryder will be 8 and Alan Alldred (Matthew and Cassie's dad) will be 36.

SUNDAY

Kristoffer Burns will be 2, William Walker will be 7 and Andrew Wilkinson will be 8.

MONDAY

David Carter will be 5, Karen Jane Adam will be 10 and Julie Malkin will be a year older.

TUESDAY

Paul Marshall will be 8.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Carol Sanders will be a year older.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Andrew Treamere will be 9.

BOXING DAY

Robert Sandford will be 6 and Laura Summers will be 8.

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!

How did the rocket lose its job?
It got fired!
Matthew Robins.

Did you hear the joke about the packet of butter?
I'd better not tell you, you might spread it around!
Katie Chivers.

Why did the orange stop?
Because it ran out of juice!
Helen Izat.

THAT'S THE TOOTH!

Dear Catchum,
What kind of toothpaste do you use? I use Crest!
Kirsty.

My favourite toothpaste is slug flavoured Slimodent, with added flouride, of course!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Catchum,
I have thought of some new nicknames for you: Muddy, Swampy, the Boss of Green Meadow and Swampthingy! I hope you like my ideas.
Mhaira Anderson.

I think they're all great! Can anyone else think of any?

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